

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, P Gibson, E M Hopper, J Lee, T Murray,
J Smith, and M Warin

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillors D Boyes and A Surtess
Residents: M E Styles, I Styles, D Robinson, N Frain, A Small, N Frain,
W Cork, V Cork, S McDonnell, G Stokoe, G Clark, M Wray, N Wilson, K
Wilson and K Burnhope

EVPC
13/14/092 **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies for absence received.

EVPC
13/14/093 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC
13/14/094 **Public Participation**
The Chairman advised that there had been two requests from residents
to speak under this item – Mr M Styles and Mr N Frain both wanted to
speak regarding the Lowhills Road Planning Application.

Mr Styles asked the following questions:-

- 1) Would the Parish Council continue to oppose the development as many residents feel let down by the County Councillors?
- 2) If they continue to oppose the development what pro-active action would they take?
- 3) What form will pro-active action take ie leaflets/articles/public meetings?
- 4) Many residents feel disfranchised by their democratic representatives on the County Council and ask what advice the Parish Council can give on this matter?

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would continue to oppose the development at any opportunity that was available. As outline planning permission had been granted it was difficult to do anything further.

A resident asked why the Parish Council had not made residents aware of the planning application.

A Member advised that the County Council was the planning authority and the Parish Council were not formally made aware of the planning application. Information was gained from the County Council's website with regard to planning matters and this was then placed on the Parish Council's agenda which was displayed in the Parish Council's noticeboard and website.

The Clerk advised that she had made enquiries with regard to Outline Planning permission and how it becomes a full planning permission; once Outline Planning Permission has been granted the application will

be considered under Reserved Matters and provided that all the conditions detailed by the Planning Authority under the outline planning permission are agreed then Planning permission will be granted.

The Chairman granted permission for residents and Councillors to speak under this item.

County Councillor D Boyes stated that he had been advised by the County Council's Solicitors that he should not speak on this item as he had spoken publically against the application and therefore could be accused of pre-determination.

Mr Frain spoke on his disapproval of the development and raised the issue of flooding in the area and the areas within Little Thorpe where planning permission had been granted and building works were left unfinished.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their attendance at the meeting and extended an invitation for them to stay for the duration of the meeting if they so wished. He acknowledged the frustration that residents had felt but again explained that the Parish Council had written to the County Council opposing this area being designated for housing development under the County Durham Plan Consultation, had written objecting to the planning application and had spoken at the Planning Meeting against the application.

EVPC
13/14/095

Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 8th July 2013

RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman subject to the deletion under EVPC13/14/082 Invoice for Endorsement for Payment of a duplicate entry made for payment to P Robson for Summer Bedding.

EVPC
13/14/096

Minutes of the Meetings of the Cemetery Sub-Committees held 16th April and 2nd July 2013

Members gave consideration to the minutes and the Clerk provided an update on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:-

- i) the minutes be APPROVED;
- ii) that grave spaces be allocated for use between the trees at the top of E Section
- iii) that a review of the Cemetery fees be undertaken for consideration at the next meeting
- iv) that the planting scheme for the Cemetery as detailed be undertaken;
- v) that Councillors Andrews and Burn with the Cemetery Superintendent devise a scheme for the Memorial Garden.

EVPC
13/14/097

Matters Arising

EVPC
13/14/020

Easington Village Luncheon Club – A meeting had been held with representatives of the Luncheon Club and agreement had been reached regards to the use of equipment in the kitchen.

EVPC
13/14/071 **Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee** – the actions would be discussed at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

EVPC
13/14/074 **Report of the County Councillors** – Councillor Surtees had been in contact with the Clerk and suggested that a joint ward surgery could commence in October on the night of the Parish Council meeting from 6.15pm until 6.45 pm. Members' views were sought.

EVPC
13/14/075 **Seaton Holme – Repairs to Windows** – The Clerk had been in contact with two further companies that had been suggested by Councillors. The first company manufactured the windows only and did not repair them. The second company had yet to submit a quotation although the Clerk had been in contact with them in this regard. Instructions had been given for the works to commence in line with the previous resolution and works were due to commence shortly.

EVPC
13/14/078 **The Green Seat** – The repair and re-painting of the Green Seat had been carried out by the Parish Council's workforce and was now complete. A new bin had been requested from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) a joint ward surgery be held on 14th October prior to the Parish Council meeting.

EVPC
13/14/098

Police Matters

There were no police in attendance.

EVPC
13/14/099

Report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Surtees reported on the following:-

- Easington Village C of E School had received funding from both County Councillors towards iPads for the school
- Reports had been made with regard to advertising signs on public footpaths
- Flooding at Petwell Lonen and Thorpe Road

County Councillor Boyes reported on the following issues:-

- Street lighting in Thorpe Road
- Kings Head Development – landcover/security
- Council Offices Site – Grasscutting
- Seaside Lane – Road sweeper to remove grit on paths

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

County Councillors D Boyes and A Surtess then left the meeting.

EVPC
13/14/100

Juniper's Pantry – Potential Destination Venue

The Clerk advised Members that this subject had been discussed at a previous meeting and following discussions regarding the use of the kitchen equipment with the Luncheon Club this item could not be discussed fully.

After careful consideration of the matter Members felt that to give over the use of Seaton Holme to Juniper's Pantry would prevent the building continue to function as a Community Building and therefore they could not accede to the request. Juniper's Pantry would, however, be able to hire the venue under the normal arrangements.

RESOLVED: that Clerk write to Juniper's Pantry advising them of the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC
13/14/101

Groundwork North East

Consideration was given to correspondence received from Groundwork North East terminating their tenancy of the Ground floor office with effect from 1st December 2013. Members discussed the issue of the Heritage Coast equipment that was in the office (that had been installed via Groundwork) the telephone system and computer network that was still in place within Seaton Holme.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Groundwork North East with regard to the removal of the fixed equipment in the office and making good of the room including the removal of the telephone and computer network from the premises.

Councillor T Murray joined the meeting.

EVPC
13/14/102

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/103

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that summer bedding had been planted by the Group and that the area around Rosemary Lane had looked particularly good this year.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/104

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.08.13

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.08.13 were £123,703.12 in the Savings Account and £1794 in the Current Account totalling £125,497.12

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/105

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.08.13

The Clerk updated Members on the Council's income and expenditure.

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/106

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for July were £18,251.55 from the Savings Account and £6542.18 from the Current Account and for August were £11,841.99 from the Savings Account and £4584.80 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
13/14/107

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment together with payments of donations/petty cash/payroll as previously agreed:-

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
09.07.13	Machine Mart	Pump/Oil/Hose/Wand	£248.32	105752
31.07.13	CDS	Alarm Maintenance Cemetery	£198.00	105753
11.07.13	TJ's Heating & Home Impr.	Supply & Re-fit Outside Tap	£90.00	105754
04.07.13	TJ's Heating & Home Impr.	Repairs to Tiles/Guttering	£390.00	105754
08.08.13	Hi-Shine Cleaning Services	Windows Cleaned - Seaton Holme	£80.00	105756
23.07.13	The Builders Warehouse	Woods/Screws etc	£112.37	105757
09.05.13	Concept Group Ltd	Photocopying Credit	£-23.40	CREDIT
08.07.13	Unicom	Phones/Broadband	£91.32	DD
31.07.13	Payroll	Month 4 - Nett Wages	£5374.91	DD
01.08.13	Scottishpower	Cemetery - Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.08.13	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church - Electricity	£108.33	DD
01.08.13	N-Power	Seaton Holme - Electricity	£192.00	DD
18.07.13	Barclays	BACS Charges	£12.00	DD
16.07.13	Northumbrian Water	Water - Allotments	£422.96	DD
07.08.13	Concept Group Ltd	Photocopying	£62.18	DD
31.07.13	Barclaysbank	BACS Charges	£50.00	DD
		Invoice Total	£7409.99	

105755 - £250.00 - Petty Cash

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
23.08.13	Unicom	Phones/Broadband	£88.58	DD
30.08.13	Payroll	Month 5 - Nett Wages	6135.56	DD
01.09.13	Scottishpower	Cemetery - Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.09.13	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church - Electricity	£108.33	DD
01.09.13	N-Power	Seaton Holme - Electricity	£351.00	DD
19.08.13	Barclays	BACS Charges	£6.00	DD
06.08.13	Payroll	Month 4 - Supplementary Nett Wages	613.24	DD
01.08.13	N-Power	Gas - Seaton Holme	£823.09	DD
15.08.13	Durham County Council	NI/Tax/Pension Contributions	£2575.14	DD
08.08.13	Xerox Finance	Photocopier Rental - Quarter	£108.00	DD
12.07.13	Crown Plastering Services	Kitchen Ceiling Plastering	£280.00	105759
19.08.13	A Forster	Supply & Paint Kitchen	£471.00	105760
21.08.13	CDALC	10 x Good Councillors Guide	£25.90	105761
17.08.13	Homecare	Paint/Varnish/Gloss	£96.94	105762
28.08.13	TJ's Heating & Home Impr	Emergency repairs to WC	£105.00	105763
06.09.13	Café Yum Yum	Buffet x 12	£72.00	105764

02.09.13	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	½ Year Hygiene Services	£187.20	105765
01.09.13	RBS Software Solutions	Omega Accounts Support/Maint	£524.40	105766
		Invoice Total	£12572.38	

EVPC
13/14/108

Income Received

JULY 2013

Name	Description	Amount
Mr and Mrs Holbourn	Burial Plot	£176.00
Mr and Mrs Warin	Room Hire	£30.00
R Delanoy & Sons	Burial Fees	£84.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
Mrs K Delanoy	Room Hire	£48.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Member of the Public	Book and Postage	£8.00
Flower Club	Room Hire	£15.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£20.00
K F Training	Room Hire	£517.80
Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£75.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£10.00
Mrs L Murray	Room Hire	£60.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£30.00
N Alderson Funerals	Room Hire	£51.00
Groundwork NE	Rent	£1750.00
D Lowry	Room Hire – deposit	£40.00
M Bloomfield	Miscellaneous	£12.00
		£3050.80

AUGUST 2013

Name	Description	Amount
Mrs N Irving	Ashes Plot	£59.00
Mrs Harper	Room Hire	£48.00
Wm Scott Sons	Burial Fees	£117.00
L Murray	Room Hire	£21.00
Pretty Wild Affair	Room Hire	£144.00
E'ton U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£20.00
East Durham Funerals	Cemetery Fees	£121.00
J Kent	Ashes	£56.00
Mrs K Delanoy	Room Hire	£57.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£20.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£12.00
E'ton U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
E'ton WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£50.00
		£765.00

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC
13/14/109 **Bishop Auckland Rugby Club**
Members gave consideration to a request for financial assistance from Bishop Auckland Rugby Club.
RESOLVED: that no financial assistance be granted on this occasion.
- EVPC
13/14/110 **Medium Term Financial Planning and 2014/15 Budget Setting**
The Clerk provided Members with the potential implications of the Parish Council's budget setting process. It was noted that the budget could not be set until January 2014 when Easington Village Parish Council would be given details of our Council Tax Base.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
13/14/111 **Planning Applications**
PL/5/2013/0258 – Proposed Conversion of Public House to Dwelling House at Masons Arms, Rosemary Lane, Easington
RESOLVED: that no comments be made.
- EVPC
13/14/112 **Planning Approvals**
PL/5/2013/0184 – Proposed Two Storey Rear Extension & Single Story Rear Extension at Richmond House, Rosemary Lane, Easington
PL/5/2013/0220 – Proposed Single Story Rear Extension at 7 Shakespeare Terrace, Easington Village
PL/5/2012/0045 – Proposed Timber decking at rear of premises (retrospective) for Southside Social Club, Southside, Easington.
PL/5/2013/0106 - Proposed Residential Development Comprising 900 No. Dwellings (Outline) for Southlands Management Ltd at Land North of Lowhills Road, Peterlee
PL/5/2013/0107 - Proposed Formation of Ponds & Upgrading for Southlands Management Ltd at Existing Footpaths at Land East of Thorpe Road, Easington

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
13/14/113 **Planning Refusals**
There were no planning refusals.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
13/14/114 **Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**
There were no planning applications withdrawn
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
13/14/115 **Planning Appeals**
There were no planning appeals.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
13/14/116 **Lowhills Road Development**
This item had been discussed under public participation.
RESOLVED: that the correspondence be RECEIVED.
- EVPC
13/14/117 **Thornley Parish Council**
The Clerk advised on correspondence received from Thornley Parish Council regarding traveller encampments. Following considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED:** that the Clerk write to Durham County Council outlining the concerns the Parish Council has on traveller encampments.

EVPC
13/14/118

Butterwick House Children's Hospice

Members gave consideration to a thank you letter received from Butterwick House Children's Hospices for the Parish Council's donation.
RESOLVED: that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC
13/14/119

Durham Heritage Coast's Annual Forum Event – Thursday 19th September 2013 at Easington Social Welfare Centre – 9.30 am till 12.30 pm

RESOLVED: that the Chairman, Clerk and Councillor J Andrews be AUTHORISED to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC
13/14/120

Limestone Landscapes Project Forum Event – Wednesday 25th September – 9.30 am till 2.00 pm – Stadium of Light, Sunderland

RESOLVED: that Councillor E Hopper and the Clerk be AUTHORISED to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC
13/14/121

CDALC AGM – Saturday 26th October 2013 at County Hall, Durham – 10.30 am

RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend.

EVPC
13/14/122

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14th October 2013

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date